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1. [REDACTED] the following vessels were in Shanghai: 25X1
 - a. One HO PING vessel of about 2,000 tons discharging cargo packed in gunny bags near the Huangp'u Wharf.
 - b. SS CH'UN SHENG (2504/3932), a 2,600-ton vessel [REDACTED] at the Kung Ho Hsiang (0361/0735/4382) Wharf. 25X1
 - c. One 8,000-ton freighter of the Blue Funnel Line and one 10,000-ton freighter near the Kung Ho Hsiang Wharf.
 - d. One 2,000-ton freighter, painted black [REDACTED] berthed at the former Blue Funnel Line Wharf in Pootung. 25X1
 - e. Two gunboats under repair in the Patachiu (0360/2092/0046) dockyard in Pootung. Outside the dockyard was a 1,300-ton gunboat, armed with one 2-inch gun on the bow and three guns on the stern. Three 1,000-ton landing craft were also moored nearby, under repair or being painted.
 - f. One LST at buoy 38.
 - g. One LST, the CHIN MENG SHAN (6855/2916/1472) at buoy 40.
 - h. One LST, one 1,500-ton single-funnelled gunboat, and two double-funnelled river gunboats at the Jukong Wharf.
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a. Four LST's tied to buoys 42, 43, and 44. Each craft was armed with one 2-inch gun on the bow and one on the stern, and with one 1½-inch gun on each side amidships. More than ten soldiers in black uniform were on each ship.

b. One LST and one 7,000-ton merchant vessel undergoing repairs at a dock in Pootung. The merchant vessel was painted black. Gun mounts were fitted on the stern and on each side of the bridge.

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c. TA CH'ANG (1129/2490) loading rice in gunny bags alongside the Huangp'u Wharf. The vessel was about 1,200 tons, was painted black. One 1½-inch gun with shield was mounted on the stern, another on the bow, and one antiaircraft gun on the bridge.

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3. the following vessels were in Shanghai:

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- a. Six MTS's anchored at the naval wharf near the Garden Bridge.
- b. Five LST's and one 6,000-ton merchant vessel undergoing repairs at a dockyard in Pootung.
- c. Three LST's at buoys 40, 41, and 43.
- d. Two LST's berthed at the Chiuchiang (5876/3068) Wharf.
- e. One two-funnelled river gunboat at Woosung.
- f. Three MTS's on patrol near Lit'ungsha (9190/6894/3097).

4. the following vessels were in Shanghai:

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- a. fishing vessels of from 70 to 80 tons each, painted dark grey, anchored in three rows at the Ch'iuchiang Wharf. each vessel had a heavy machine gun mounted on the bow.
- b. Two LST's, each armed with 2-inch guns fore and aft and other guns amidships, behind the fishing vessels.
- c. HO PEI (3109/0554), a 1,000-ton dredger, moored to a buoy near the power plant in the Yangtsepoo area.
- d. Six LST's moored to buoys 37, 38, 40, and 41. About ten sailors in dark raincoats stood behind the gun positions in the rain.
- e. Two 1,000-ton landing craft and the TAO CHANG (2764/4545) under repair at the Patat'ou (0360/2092/7333) shipyard.
- f. One 7,000-ton merchant vessel being painted at the left side of the Patat'ou shipyard. The vessel had a gun platform mounted on the stern.

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